

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) A method comprising:

receiving a telephone call;

identifying a user making said telephone call;

detecting an online status of at least one member of a group associated with said user; and

sending a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of said at least one member of said group.

21. (New) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:

receiving a password of said user.

22. (New) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:

determining said group of members associated with said user.

23. (New) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:

receiving instructions to detect an online status of said at least one member of said group.

24. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein said message comprises an audio message.

25. (New) A method comprising:

receiving a telephone call;

identifying a user making said telephone call;

receiving instructions to detect an online status of at least a first member and a second member of a group associated with said user;

detecting said first member of said group is online;
detecting said second member of said group is off-line; and
sending a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of at least said first and second member of said group.

26. (New) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:
receiving a password of said user.

27. (New) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:
determining said group of members associated with said user;

28. (New) The method of Claim 25, wherein said message comprises an audio message.

29. (New) A computer-readable medium whose contents direct a computer to:
receive a telephone call;
identify a user making said telephone call;
determine a group of members associated with said user;
detect an online status of at least one member of said group; and
send a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of said at least one member of said group.

30. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, wherein said contents of said computer-readable medium is further able to direct said computer to receive a password of said user.

31. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, wherein said contents of said computer-readable medium is further able to direct said computer to receive instructions from said user to detect an online status of said at least one member of said group.

32. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, wherein said message comprises an audio message.
33. (New) A method comprising:
detecting an online status of a user;
determining that a first member of a group associated with the user is off-line;
storing a notification message of said online status of said user in a storage device;
receiving a telephone call from said first member; and
sending a message within said telephone call, said message comprising said notification message stored in said storage device.
34. (New) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:
determining a user-initiated notification option is enabled.
35. (New) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:
receiving a password of said first member.
36. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein said message comprises an audio message.